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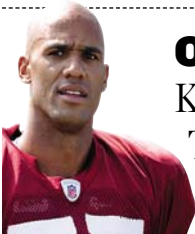
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China Closes Out Olympics With a Bang



GRAND FINALE: Fireworks are shot above the Bird's Nest Sunday during the closing ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics. The Olympics culminated with a spectacular event featuring British stars David Beckham and Jimmy Page, a bridge to the 2012 games in London. ♣ **Legacy:** China gets high marks | Page 11

Obama Targets Middle Class

Democrats work to rally around candidate at convention

DENVER | On the eve of the Democratic National Convention, Barack Obama said Sunday he hoped a week of political speech-making would persuade reluctant middle-class voters to swing behind his bid for the White House, while Republicans sought to stir discontent among Hillary Rodham Clinton's supporters.

Clinton was having none of it. Obama's rival for the nomination was expected to release her delegates midweek in a unity gesture.

Obama, bidding to become the first black president, campaigned through swing-state Wisconsin, then flew home to Chicago to work on the acceptance speech he will deliver before 75,000 partisans on the convention's closing night.

Previewing the week ahead, he said he hoped convention viewers would conclude, "He's sort of like us. He comes from a mid-

dle-class background, went to school on scholarships. He and his wife had to figure out child care and how to start a college fund for their kids."

With Democrats descending on their convention city, party officials worked to assure a harmonious week. And on a unanimous vote, the party's credentials committee restored full voting rights to delegations from Florida and Michigan after both had been punished for moving up their primaries. (AP)

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So-Called Democracy Regulates Laziness

A Grafton, Wis., woman has been arrested and booked for failing to pay her library fines. Heidi Dalibor, 20, said she ignored the library's calls and letters, and a notice to appear in court. Still, she was surprised when officers with a warrant knocked on her door, cuffed her and took her to the police station. Police Capt. Joe Gabrish says officers follow the same procedure with every warrant. Library director John Hanson says a couple dozen people are cited each year for failure to return materials or pay fines. The incident cost Dalibor about \$30 for the two overdue paperbacks. Her mother spent \$172 to free her. (AP)



EXPERIENCES

Hipsters Have a Great Blog Entry

Two self-styled vigilantes against typos who defaced a more-than 60-year-old, hand-painted sign at Grand Canyon National Park were sentenced to probation and banned from national parks for a year. Jeff Deck and Benjamin Herson pleaded guilty. Deck and Herson, both 28, toured the United States this spring, wiping out errors on government and private signs. They were interviewed by the Chicago Tribune, which called them "a pair of Kerouacs armed with Sharpies and erasers and righteous indignation." Deck used a marker to cover an erroneous apostrophe, put the apostrophe in its proper place with Wite-Out and added a comma. (AP)



AP/ GLENN OLSEN PHOTOGRAPHY

DEVIL SPAWN

2 Ears, 2 Horns

The owners of Yoda — a cat with four ears — could use a couple extra hands to answer their phones. Ted and Valerie Rock of Downers Grove, Ill., said they've been inundated with television offers and media inquiries since their son posted a photo of the smoke-gray cat on a Web site. The Rocks said they found Yoda in 2006 while watching a Chicago Bears game at a Blue Island bar; the owner kept the feline caged atop the bar for his customers' amusement. (AP)

FEELINGS

Fisherman Balances Pride, Emasculation

David Hayes' granddaughter just asked him to hold her Barbie rod and reel while

she went to the bathroom. He did. And seconds later, he landed the North Carolina state record channel catfish at 21 pounds, 1 ounce. Alyssa's father had bought the pink Barbie fishing rod for her for Christmas, and she had caught

a few bluegill fish before her grandfather hauled in the catfish. Hayes said his granddaughter worried he would break her rod. He landed the fish on a 6-pound test line. It was 32 inches long, 2 inches longer than the rod. (AP)



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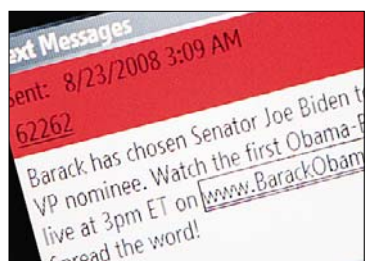


BACK ON THE SHELF: A memoir by Sen. Joe Biden, once as forgotten as his presidential run, is now a best-seller. A day after Sen. Barack Obama chose Biden as his running mate, Biden's "Promises to Keep: On Life and Politics" was a top seller at online bookstores.

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ANNOUNCING BIDEN

A Glitchy Text Milestone

It was the text message read 'round the country.

But many had to wait minutes, and some hours, to receive the announcement of Sen. Joseph Biden as Sen. Barack Obama's running mate. This was most likely a scaling issue, mobile experts said, with carriers' messaging systems overwhelmed by the number of people receiving the text.

"It was one message that had to reach any number of devices," said Stephanie Vinge-Walsh of Sprint Nextel.

Nearly two weeks ago, Obama sent a message saying he would notify supporters of his vice presidential choice via text, promising supporters that they'd be "the first to know."

That promise was undercut when news organizations confirmed around 1 a.m. Saturday that Obama had settled on Biden. The text announcement was sent about two hours later.

JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS

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McCain Ad: Clinton Was Snubbed

Republican questions Obama's selection of Biden as running mate

DENVER | Sen. John McCain's campaign suggested Sunday that rival Sen. Barack Obama snubbed Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton as his running mate because of her criticism during the battle for the Democratic nomination. Obama's campaign dismissed the claim as the candidate praised Sen. Joe Biden, the man he did choose.

Campaigning in the battleground state of Wisconsin, Obama said he was "absolutely convinced" Biden was right for the job. "He's got the passion to lift up middle-class Americans, he hasn't forgotten his working-class roots, he has the expertise that will make him a great counselor on international crises that might come up," Obama told reporters on the eve of the Democratic National Convention.

Meanwhile, a new McCain ad, the second since Obama made his

AT THE PODIUM

The following people are among those scheduled to speak on Monday at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

- Michelle Obama
- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi
- Former President Jimmy Carter
- Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo.
- Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.
- Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill.
- Former Rep. Lee Hamilton
- Former Rep. Jim Leach

vice presidential choice, challenged Obama's motives in passing over Clinton, his former top rival, and choosing Biden, who dropped out of the presidential contest after a poor showing in Iowa.

The ad features clips of Clinton during the primary battle saying critical things about Obama, including, "Senator Obama's campaign has become increasingly negative."

A voiceover announcer says, "She won millions of votes but isn't on the ticket. Why? For speaking the truth." TOM RAUM (AP)

DENVER | MASKED MOVEMENT



CONVENTION DISSENT: Protesters speak to a police officer during a demonstration on the eve of the Democratic National Convention in Denver on Sunday. About 1,000 anti-war activists marched peaceably through the streets, waving signs and chanting, "Stop the torture, stop the war. That's what we're fighting for," among other slogans.

Man Is Arrested At Pelosi's Hotel

DENVER | A man who tried to carry two hunting rifles and two pistols into the Denver hotel where House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is staying remained in police custody Sunday.

Pelosi and other guests briefly left the hotel during the Saturday incident but were never in danger, Secret Service spokesman Malcolm Wiley said. Joseph Calanchini, 29, faces a charge of unlawful carrying of a weapon. (AP)

Answers Unknown

→ A rundown of the key questions facing Sen. Barack Obama and the Democratic Party as they kick-off their convention festivities in Denver. | **Today's Post, A Section**

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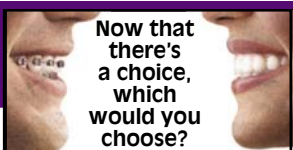
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A bicyclist braves the rain from Tropical Storm Fay on Sunday in Tallahassee, Fla.

4 Florida Counties To Get Federal Aid

Bush declares regions disaster areas after a week of heavy flooding

MIAMI | President Bush declared Sunday that four Florida counties hit hardest by Tropical Storm Fay are major disaster areas, making them eligible for federal aid.

The declaration makes funds available for emergency work and repairs to governments in Brevard, Monroe, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties.

State and federal emergency officials are still assessing the damage from the weeklong storm that caused at least 11 deaths in Florida and one each in Georgia and Alabama. More counties could be added.

The funding has not yet been extended to individual homeowners whose properties were damaged by

high winds or floodwaters.

"I'm pleased about the declaration and grateful to President Bush," Florida Gov. Charlie Crist said before touring flood damage at the St. Mark's River in north Florida.

Mary Blakeney, spokeswoman for the emergency management office in Okeechobee County, said officials hope to have a decision in coming days about individual homeowner assistance.

Fay was downgraded to a tropical depression on Saturday night after making a record fourth landfall in Florida. Its remnants were forecast to dump several inches of rain across Alabama, Mississippi, eastern Louisiana and Tennessee on Sunday and Monday.

Authorities remain concerned about additional flooding in areas hit hard by the storm in central Florida. (AP)

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"If anything, it'd be an eleventh-hour call. If he's up to it in the eleventh hour and can get the green light from doctors, he might be able to pull it off."

—REP. PATRICK KENNEDY, D-R.I., WHO ON SUNDAY SAID HIS FATHER, SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY, D-MASS., COULD MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

"We know there's an undercurrent out there. This is the great unresolved issue in America. ... We have to have the courage to put this on the agenda."

—Tom Brokaw, who says the press needs to confront the issue of race in the current presidential election.



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Rice Continues Negotiations for Mideast Peace

WASHINGTON | Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice returns to the Mideast this week amid dwindling hopes for securing an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal by a year-end target.

She was to arrive Monday in Israel on what will be her seventh trip to the region since President Bush, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert set the goal at a U.S.-hosted peace conference last November. But negotiations have produced little tangible progress. With political uncertainty in Israel as Olmert prepares to step down next month, prospects for Rice's latest mission appeared dim. (AP)

At Life's End, a Desire to Stay Put

Agencies work to keep Holocaust survivors out of nursing homes

BOCA RATON, FLA. | Nearly every night, Martin Hornung's nightmare unfolds to the same haunting strains. Of Auschwitz. Of screaming voices. Of scenes he would rather not relive in the light of day.

"I'm almost afraid to go to sleep," the 86-year-old retired computer engineer said.

The horrors that revisit Hornung in the dark are common among Holocaust survivors and are a reason he refuses to enter a nursing home despite his myriad health problems.

Jewish organizations worldwide are working to keep survivors out of such facilities, where the surroundings and routines — strangers in uniforms, desolate shower rooms, medical procedures — can exacerbate flashbacks.

"It frightens them and brings them back to the Holocaust," said



Nurse's aide Anelia Santfleur, left, helps Holocaust survivor Martin Hornung, 86, sit down at his laptop computer at his home in Century Village in Boca Raton, Fla.

Dr. Jaclynn Faffer, executive director of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service, one of the groups helping to keep survivors out of nursing homes.

Hornung wouldn't even consider moving into a nursing home. "I would kill myself."

An estimated 93,000 Holocaust survivors are alive in the

United States, and South Florida is home to one of the largest populations. The youngest are in their mid-60s. There is no definitive breakdown of how many are living independently and how many receive assistance, but many are living below the poverty line and are in need of help.

"Their capacity for resilience that they've shown since the war is amazing," said Paula David, a social worker who has worked with more than 2,000 Holocaust survivors in Toronto over the last 20 years and has studied the specific problems of the population as it ages.

"The hard part is no matter what we do, we can't make it OK," David said.

Flashbacks can come to a survivor at any time. A fire alarm. A foreign accent. Standing in a line. Once, David witnessed a survivor begin screaming on a High Holy Day as musicians performed. The music happened to have been played as murders took place at the concentration camps. MATT SEDENSKY (AP)



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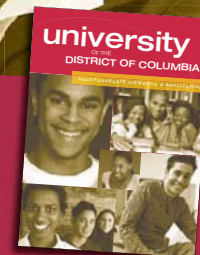
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World



AWW: One of Greece's most notorious fugitives offered up his pets for adoption after his arrest last week, Agence France-Presse reported. As convicted bank robber Bassilis Paleokostas was taken to a prosecutor, he shouted: "I have two pups. ... Somebody who loves animals should take care of them."

In Brief

CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO 2,500 Families Evacuated Ahead of Tropical Storm

Tropical Storm Julio bore down on the resort-dotted tip of the Baja California peninsula on Sunday, prompting more than 2,500 families who live along river beds to evacuate. Strong winds and sporadic rains buffeted the southern peninsula as police and emergency workers toured neighborhoods in Cabo San Lucas to evacuate families who live in homes of wood and corrugated roofs. (AP)

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN Political Crisis Deepens Over Fate of Ousted Judges

Pakistan's political crisis deepened Sunday with former premier Nawaz Sharif poised to quit the ruling coalition unless judges ousted by ex-President Pervez Musharraf are restored within a day. A third party declared its support for the widower of assassinated former leader Benazir Bhutto to take over as head of state. (AP)

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN Iran-Bound Passenger Jet Crashes, Killing 68 People

A passenger jet carrying 90 people, including a Kyrgyz high school sports team, crashed shortly after takeoff Sunday near the Kyrgyz capital, killing 68, government officials said. The Boeing 737 was headed to Iran when it crashed near Bishkek's Manas International Airport, said government spokeswoman Roza Daudova. Twenty-two people survived the accident. (AP)

OTTAWA, CANADA Health Officials ID Source Of Deadly Bacterial Outbreak

Public health officials in Canada said they have linked a deadly bacterial outbreak that killed four people to recalled meat products from Maple Leaf Foods. The outbreak has resulted in 21 confirmed cases of listeriosis, a kind of food poisoning that can be dangerous to the elderly, newborns, pregnant women and people with chronic medical conditions. Maple Leaf's Toronto plant has shut down temporarily to sanitize the facility. (AP)

Bomber Kills 25 at Banquet in Iraq

U.S. arrests al-Qaeda figure who may have planned kidnapping

BAGHDAD | A suicide bomber blew himself up Sunday in the midst of a celebration to welcome home an Iraqi detainee released from U.S. custody, killing at least 25 people, Iraqi officials said.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, announced the arrest of an al-Qaeda in Iraq figure who allegedly planned the 2006 kidnapping of American

journalist Jill Carroll — one of the highest-profile attacks against Westerners in Iraq.

The attack occurred inside one of several tents set up outside a house in the Abu Ghraib area on Baghdad's outskirts, according to residents and police. It was unclear whether the former detainee was killed.

A woman who was wounded but declined to give her name for security reasons said she was preparing food behind the tents when the blast occurred at about 9 p.m., knocking her and her three young

children off their feet.

Residents and police said Ayyid Salim al-Zubaie, a local sheik in the mainly Sunni area, was holding a banquet in honor of his son, who was released earlier in the day from Camp Bucca in southern Iraq.

Residents said the detainee-son had quarreled with al-Qaeda members while in detention and may have been the target of the attack.

The guests also included several members of the local awakening council, a U.S.-allied group that has turned against al-Qaeda.

The arrest of Salim Abdullah Ashur al-Shujayri, also known as Abu Othman, was a major breakthrough in a series of kidnappings.

He was captured Aug. 11 in Baghdad and accused of being "the planner behind the kidnapping" of Carroll, a Christian Science Monitor reporter who was seized Jan. 7, 2006, and released three months later.

The statement also said al-Shujayri's associates were involved in the kidnappings of Christian peace activists and British aid worker Margaret Hassan. KIM GAMEL (AP)



American sailors pack boxes of relief goods on the deck of the USS McFaul in Batumi, Georgia, on Sunday. The McFaul is the first of three U.S. Navy ships carrying humanitarian supplies such as blankets, hygiene kits and baby food to Georgia.

U.S. Aid Reaches Port in Georgia

Navy ship distributes relief supplies; train catches fire near Gori

ABOARD THE U.S.S. MCFUL | A U.S. Navy destroyer loaded with humanitarian aid reached Georgia's Black Sea port of Batumi on Sunday, bringing baby food, bottled water and a message of support for an embattled ally.

Before the warship arrived, a Russian general suggested U.S.

ships moving across the Black Sea would worsen tensions already driven to a post-Cold War high by a short but intense war between Russia and Georgia.

"The population of Georgia will feel more safe today from the Russian aggression," Georgian Defense Minister David Kezerashvili told The Associated Press on the aft missile deck of the McFaul after greeting U.S. Navy officers.

In Europe, French President Nicolas Sarkozy said he would con-

vene a special meeting of European Union leaders over the crisis as Russia ignored Western accusations it has fallen short of its promise to withdraw forces from its neighbor.

In other developments, a few miles west of the central city of Gori, a fire tore through an oil train after an explosion, sending black smoke into the air. The cause was unclear.

Several Georgian officials said they suspected the train hit a land mine and blamed Russian forces, who had just left the area. DAVID RISING (AP)



Rescuers help American Sarah Jensen, who was in a plane crash in Guatemala.

Plane Crash Kills 10 in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY | A small plane crashed in eastern Guatemala on Sunday, killing 10 people, including five Americans, officials said.

The Cessna Caravan 208 was en route to the town of El Estor when it crashed in a field of crops about 60 miles east of Guatemala.

Eight passengers were killed, along with the Guatemalan pilot and co-pilot, Civil Aviation official Jose Carlos said. He said the nationalities of three passengers had not been determined. (AP)

HEARSAY | ADVICE

"Do not think that this year is your final year. No. Work as if you will stay in charge for five years."

—AYATOLLAH ALI KHAMENEI, IRAN'S SUPREME LEADER, IN COMMENTS DIRECTED AT PRESIDENT MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD ON SUNDAY.



SISTER ACT: An online beauty pageant for nuns is set to debut next month. The "Miss Sister 2008" contest will be hosted by the Rev. Antonio Rungi's blog and will give nuns from around the world a chance to showcase their work and their image — and combat the stereotype that all nuns are old and dour.

World

U.S. Criticizes China for Intolerance

8 American protesters deported from Beijing as Olympics conclude

BEIJING | The United States said Sunday it was disappointed the Olympics had not brought more "openness and tolerance" in China as the games ended and eight American activists were deported during the closing ceremonies.

The blunt U.S. criticism — and China's harsher treatment of foreign activists — came at the end of 17 days of Olympic competition that generally went smoothly for Chinese organizers, who had been nervous about security and protests.

No rallies were held throughout the entire Olympics in three



A pro-Tibet American activist is interviewed in Beijing on Friday. Eight American protesters were deported Sunday as the U.S. said it was disappointed in China.

parks designated as protest zones, after Chinese officials declined to issue permits to 77 applicants and

detained some of them. But foreign activists staged a series of small illegal rallies near Olympic venues and

at Beijing landmarks.

The foreigners, for the most part, unveiled "Free Tibet" banners before being seized by security officials, hustled into cars and taken away to be put on flights out of China.

Some journalists trying to cover the protests were roughed up by authorities and then freed. There were also tensions with the media over China restricting Internet access.

Beijing had promised the media freedom to report the games and announced the protest parks as part of efforts to address criticism that China should not have been awarded the games because of its human rights record and tight controls on internal dissent.

On Saturday, Ambassador Clark T. Randt Jr. had pressed the Chinese government to immediately release the eight. ROHAN SULLIVAN (AP)

8 Are Presumed Dead After Mont Blanc Avalanche

CHAMONIX, FRANCE | Eight climbers were missing and presumed dead Sunday after an avalanche near Mont Blanc, western Europe's highest peak, was triggered when a chunk of ice as wide as two football fields broke off a mountain face onto a commonly used hiking trail.

The avalanche appeared poised to become the deadliest one this year in the French, Swiss or Italian Alps, and the worst in the French Alps in more than a decade, French officials said.

"There's no chance of finding anyone alive," French Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said while visiting the region. Five Austrians and three Swiss were missing. Seven other people were hospitalized with injuries. (AP)

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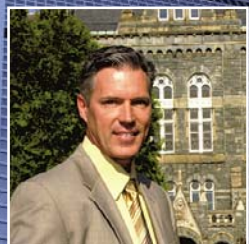
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Children carry bottles of water that will be purified by sunlight as part of a project to improve public health in Nairobi, Kenya.

In Kenya, Progress Stinks

Nairobi slum residents use sun, sewage to improve public health

NAIROBI, KENYA | The stench rising from a fly-infested sewage ditch is worsened by the scorching sun. But for some enterprising residents, it's the smell of progress.

People in Nairobi's Kibera slum are surviving soaring food and fuel prices and poor sanitation by harnessing the power of two things they have in plenty: sewage and sunshine.

Some have helped construct a network of public latrines that recycle human waste into gas for cook-

BIO-LATRINE SCENE

- About 600 people use the bio-latrine, which were built next to a school for orphans.
- The waste from the latrines goes into an airtight "biogas digester," which filters methane gas into a separate tank.
- Gas from the latrines has provided hot water for a shower block used by hundreds.

ing and light. Others, assisted by a Swiss aid organization, use sunlight to purify drinking water, slashing cases of waterborne disease.

There's an urgent need for projects like these.

For up to a million residents in Kibera, it's harder than ever to scrape together a dollar for corn-flour and wilted cabbage for one meal a day. Staple food prices in the capital have doubled in six months. And the price of coal for cooking has increased by a quarter.

The water purification project relies on the sun's ultraviolet rays. Participants place clear plastic bottles with contaminated piped water onto corrugated metal roofs. Then, the sun helps to purify the water.

Tests conducted in Swiss labs showed six hours in the sun or two days if it's overcast is enough light to kill off almost all germs that cause diseases. KATHARINE HOURELD (AP)

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In Brief

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. Teen Playing With Gun Fatally Shoots 12-Year-Old

Prince George's County police say a 12-year-old girl was killed in a shooting Saturday. Police say officers found Glenn C. Ellis shot in her upper body about 9:45 p.m. at Far-rar Avenue in Cheltenham. She was taken to the hospital, where she died. Officials say Ellis was with other teenagers in an upstairs bedroom playing on a computer when one of them found an unsecured shotgun. They began playing with the shotgun, and one of them discharged it and struck Ellis. (AP)

FAIRFAX, VA. Fairfax to Consider More Authority for Landowners

Fairfax County officials are looking into a plan that would give local landowners more authority over financing development projects. The plan calls for allowing those who want to redevelop their properties a chance to petition the county to set up small governing groups called "community development authorities." Those authorities could tax themselves to pay for additional roads, utilities and other infrastructure. (AP)

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Rhee Endures Challenges at DCPS

In her 1st year, schools chancellor made some major system changes

WASHINGTON | She has shuttered 23 schools, fired more than 30 principals and given notice to hundreds of teachers and administrative workers.

After just a year on the job, District of Columbia Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee is making bold changes as she tries to accomplish what six would-be reformers in the

past decade could not: Rescue one of the nation's most dysfunctional school districts.

The hard-charging schools chief is unwavering in her belief that she can succeed. "My goal is to make D.C. the highest-performing urban school system in the country," Rhee said as she prepared for the start of classes Monday.

It is an audacious task for the founder of a teacher-training organization who had no experience running even a single school when she arrived.

Rhee is an unconventional choice in other ways. The Korean-American is the first D.C. schools chief in nearly four decades who is not black. And at 38, the Ivy-League educated Rhee is one of nation's youngest leaders of a big urban school district.

She wants to fix a great injustice: the inability of America's public schools to educate students equally — particularly in the nation's capital. Like many urban schools, Washington's are struggling to educate students amid poverty and violence.

Students also have suffered because of entrenched cronyism, which has led to incompetent bureaucracy and fiscal mismanagement.

So far, Rhee has streamlined Washington's central office by firing nearly 100 employees. She dismissed 36 principals she considered ineffective, including one at the elementary school her two daughters attend. She also sent termination letters this summer to 750 teachers and teacher's aides who missed a certification deadline.

BRIAN WESTLEY (AP)

WASHINGTON | BAPTISM BY HOSE



LIVING WATER: Members of the United House of Prayer for All People use a fire hose to baptize a crowd of people Sunday. The church's new bishop, C.M. Bailey, presided over his first baptism ceremony since taking charge of the congregation in April.

Richmond Tower Gets A Face-Lift

RICHMOND, VA. | It has served as a place for armed men guarding Virginia's seat of government, a gunsmith shop and offices for state employees.

But in recent times, the cozy, three-story building has served a more hospitable purpose.

The building is now a visitors center filled with tourism brochures, souvenirs and maps to help curious folks find their way around Virginia.

It has undergone a restorative face-lift in recent weeks to prevent further crumbling of its bricks and mortar, and is now in good shape as it approaches its 200th anniversary in 2024.

"It's a unique little building," said Marie Henderson, who manages the visitors center for Virginia Tourism Corp. "It's just neat being in here and knowing it's been here almost 200 years."

The restoration project on the bell tower at the western edge of Capitol Square began in June. It is being financed in part by the Virginia chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"Of all of the buildings on Capitol Square, it's the last one left originally as it was designed," said Bana Caskey, DAR's state regent. "We'd really like to preserve it." (AP)

Brookland Residents Ask for Underground Power Lines

WASHINGTON | Some Brookland residents are asking the city to convert the Northeast Washington neighborhood's utility poles to underground utility lines.

About a 100 residents marched along the area's main strip on 12th Street NE Saturday, demanding the city divert \$10.5 million allocated

for a streetscape improvement project toward burying utility lines.

Residents say trees in the area are cut in odd ways to make room for the aboveground wires. They say the disfigured trees are eyesores and fail to provide shade, creating a lack of vibrancy.

Pepco officials say converting to

underground cables can cost up to \$8 million a mile, or six to 10 times the cost of aboveground wiring.

The District Department of Transportation says the money already budgeted for the improvement project will upgrade sidewalks, curbs and other infrastructure — but not bury electrical wires. (AP)

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Personal Tech



A Georgia Tech professor points to a magnet on student Xueliang Huo's tongue. The magnet turns the tongue into a joystick that is used to control a wheelchair.

A Taste of Freedom

Computer setup turns tongue into control pad for the disabled

ROBOTICS | The tireless tongue already controls taste and speech, helps kiss and swallow, and fights germs. Now scientists hope to add one more ability to the mouthy muscle, and turn it into a computer control pad.

Georgia Tech researchers believe a magnetic, tongue-powered system could transform a disabled person's mouth into a virtual computer, teeth into a keyboard — and tongue into the key that manipulates it all.

"You could have full control over your environment by just being able to move your tongue," said Maysam Ghovanloo, a Georgia Tech assistant professor who leads the team's research.

The group's Tongue Drive System turns the tongue into a joystick of sorts, allowing the disabled to manipulate wheelchairs, manage home appliances and control computers. The work still has a ways to go — one potential user called the design "grotesque" — but early tests are encouraging. The system is far from the first that seeks a new way

to control electronics through facial movements. But disabled advocates have particularly high hopes that the tongue could prove the most effective.

"This could give you an almost infinite number of switches and options for communication," said Mike Jones, a vice president of research and technology at the Shepherd Center, an Atlanta rehabilitation hospital. "It's easy, and somebody could learn an entirely different language."

That's quite a contrast to the handful of methods already available to the hundreds of thousands of Americans who are disabled from the neck down. The "sip and puff" technique, which lets people issue commands by inhaling and exhaling into a tube, is among the most popular. But it offers users only four commands.

The design certainly needs improvements. "It's in its infancy and quite grotesque," said Justin Cochran, a 26 year-old college student. But Cochran said its potential for almost limitless control options makes him want to shelve his "sip and puff" wheelchair. "You could control not just your chair, your TV, your computer, but your entire life," he said. "And it's all one system."

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The number of days until the start of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. The next Summer Olympics are a bit further away — they will start in London on July 27, 2012, 1,465 days from Monday.

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As the Olympics came to a close with fireworks and another visually pleasing ceremony in Beijing, left, London prepared for the Summer Games four years from now.

Beijing Beauty at Closing Ceremony

China is impressive again as the Olympics switch focus to London

OLYMPICS | With help from British star power, China concluded its debut as Olympic host Sunday after 16 days of near-flawless logistics and superlative athletic achievement — coexisting awkwardly with

the government's wariness of dissent and free speech.

A spectacular closing ceremony opened with torrents of fireworks and included a pulsating show-within-a-show by London, host of the 2012 games. From a stage formed from a red double-decker bus, Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page played classic rock hit "Whole Lotta Love" and soccer icon David

Beckham booted a ball into the surrounding throng of athletes on the stadium floor.

To a large extent, China, an emergent superpower, got what it had craved from these long-sought games: a dominant effort by its athletes to top the gold-medal standings for the first time and almost glitch-free organizing that showcased world-class venues and cheer-

ful volunteers to the largest-ever peaceful influx of foreign visitors.

As a bonus, not just one but two athletes gave arguably the greatest performances in Olympic history — Michael Phelps with his eight gold medals in swimming, and Jamaica's ebullient Usain Bolt with three golds and three world records in the sprints.

The International Olympic Com-

mittee, whose selection of Beijing as host back in 2001 was widely questioned, insisted its choice had been vindicated.

"Tonight, we come to the end of 16 glorious days which we will cherish forever," IOC President Jacques Rogge told the capacity crowd of 91,000 at the National Outdoor Stadium, and a global TV audi-

"As sports spectacles go, I've never seen one more efficiently executed than this one. I have no idea where they put the real people for 17 days."

Thomas Boswell reflects on two weeks in Beijing | **Today, Sports**

IN The Washington Post

ence. "Through these games, the world learned more about China, and China learned more about the world."

Rogge and the IOC were criticized by human rights groups for their reluctance to publicly challenge the Chinese as various controversies arose over press freedom and detention of dissidents. Athletes shied away from making political statements, and "protest zones" established in Beijing went unused as the authorities refused to issue permits for them.

But the atmosphere was festive at the stadium as fireworks burst from its top rim — and from locations across Beijing — to begin the closing ceremony. DAVID CRARY (AP)

Hungary Sinks U.S. Water Polo

OLYMPICS WATER POLO | In their last chance for a gold medal, the U.S. came up just short, losing 14-10 to a Hungarian team that became the first country to win three straight gold medals in the sport since Britain in 1920.

An American team that came in ranked ninth in the world that surprised just about everyone by getting to the final kept it close early and had it tied at nine points in the third quarter. But the Hungarians pulled away down the stretch, scoring five unanswered goals and turning a close match into a blowout.

"We've come a long way," coach Terry Schroeder said. (AP)

U.S. Basketball Gets Its Redemption

Redeem Team brings home the gold for the 1st time since 2000

OLYMPICS BASKETBALL | The United States won the gold medal in Olympic men's basketball Sunday with a 118-107 victory over Spain.

Culminating a three-year mission to end years of embarrassment, the United States survived a huge challenge from the world champions.

After overwhelming everyone for seven games, the Americans led by only four points with less than 2½ minutes to play, then proved they could handle the close game that seemed would never come in Beijing.



Kobe Bryant converted a four-point play with 3:10 remaining to help the U.S. win.

Their prize: the first U.S. gold medal in basketball since 2000.

"Much respect to Spain, but the U.S. is back on top again," LeBron

James said.

Dwyane Wade scored 27 points for the Americans, who found a much gamier Spanish team than the

one they humiliated by 37 points earlier in the tournament.

In a game so devoid of defense that it felt more like an NBA All-Star game than one with a title at stake, the U.S. had too much offense down the stretch. Kobe Bryant converted a clutch four-point play with 3:10 remaining, holding his finger to his lips to quiet the Spanish crowd behind the basket.

They began to celebrate during a break after some technical fouls on Spain with 26 seconds left, then celebrated at midcourt when it was over, with "Born in the USA" blaring over the arena's speakers.

"I'm proud of our guys. We played with great character in one of the great games in international basketball history, I think," coach Mike Krzyzewski said. BRIAN MAHONEY (AP)


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"The international federation has required the delivery of birth certificates. They have received the documents, and at first sight it seems to be OK."

— IOC President Jacques Rogge tries to downplay the controversy surrounding the age of Chinese gymnasts.

Emotional Ride Has Golden Lining

U.S. volleyball coach comes away with gold after 2 difficult weeks

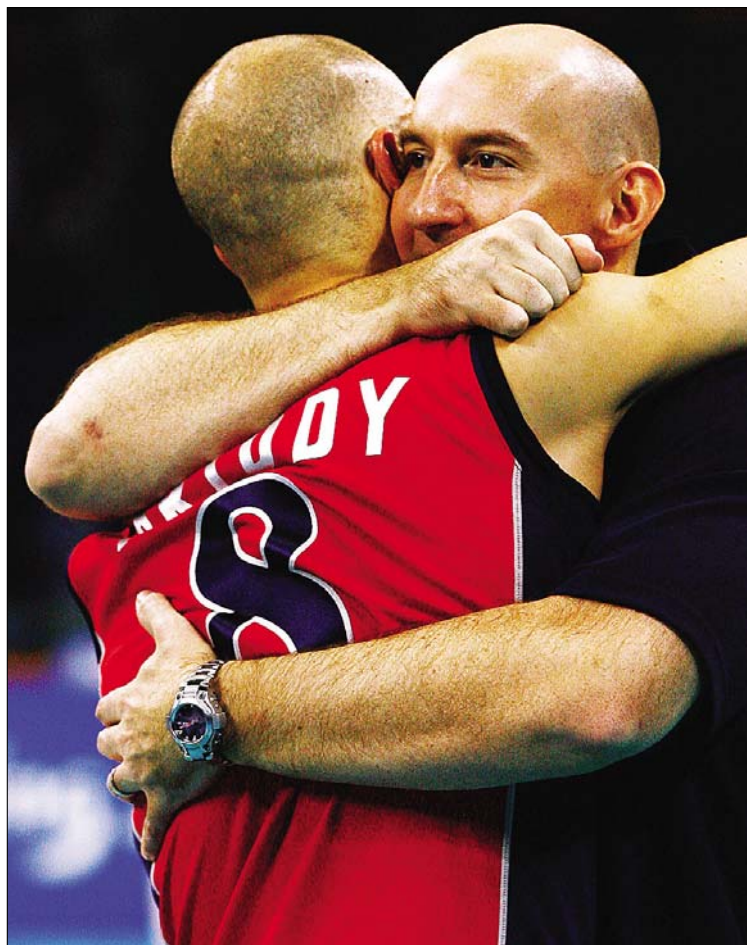
OLYMPICS VOLLEYBALL | As the crowd roared and his team exulted in its gold medals, the coach of the U.S. men's volleyball team buried his head in his hands and walked off the court. He had gone from the lowest low to the highest high, and it was all too much.

Hugh McCutcheon needed to be alone.

Just two weeks ago, his father-in-law had been stabbed to death in Beijing. He stepped away from his job to take care of his family. But his team, stirred by the tragedy, began an incredible run, ending Sunday with a 3-1 victory over defending champion Brazil — a team that they were never expected to beat.

"It all was starting to sink in," he said. "I had to take a step out and collect my thoughts and collect my emotions and come back out. It's a very meaningful moment."

In two weeks of competition, the Americans were undefeated. The 20-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-23



Coach Hugh McCutcheon, right, celebrates after beating Brazil to win Olympic gold.

final gave the U.S. men their third Olympic gold medal in the sport, matching the record set by the Russians. Top-ranked Brazil, a two-time gold medalist, was left with the silver medal. Russia won the bronze earlier in the day with a three-set victory over Italy.

Usually, the Olympic focus is on the athletes. But the tragedy endured by this coach was an integral part of his team's story.

"He'll be the first to tell you that winning won't bring Todd back," U.S. wing spiker Reid Priddy said. "However, this is a goal that he and his family have invested their lives in, just like we have. And, so, I know this is an incredibly special moment for us."

Todd Bachman was killed while sightseeing in Beijing the day after the opening ceremonies.

McCutcheon planned to return to the United States on Sunday night. He had already spoken to his wife, who stayed up late in the United States to watch the match: "She said it first. She said, 'You won, you won, you won.' Nothing else to say there, just listening to each other smile on the phone." ANNE M. PETERSON (AP)

MedalTracker



UNITED STATES TOTAL: 110

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
CHINA	51	21	28	100
RUSSIA	23	21	28	72
BRITAIN	19	13	15	47
AUSTRALIA	14	15	17	46
GERMANY	16	10	15	41
FRANCE	7	16	17	40
SOUTH KOREA	13	10	8	31
ITALY	8	10	10	28
UKRAINE	7	5	15	27

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China gets boxing gold

Zou Shiming, shown, won China's first gold medal in boxing. Then, Zhang



Xiaoping made it two. Zou, whose bronze medal in Athens was China's first in a sport long banned by Mao Zedong, won

the light flyweight title when Mongolia's Serdamba Purevdorj retired early in the second round due to an injury. Zhang beat Kenny Egan of Ireland 11-7 in the light heavyweight final.

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GO LOW: Danny Lee became the U.S. Amateur's youngest champion, supplanting Tiger Woods by holding off Drew Kittleson 5 and 4 on Sunday. The 18-year, 1-month-old Lee is six months, 29 days younger than Woods was when he won the first of his three Amateurs in 1994.

Sports

Taylor Could Sit for Season Opener

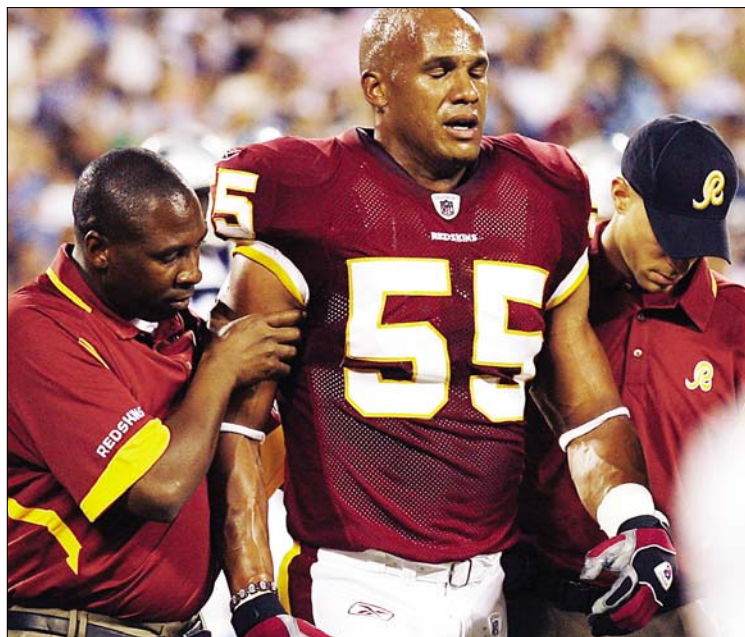
Redskins DE to miss at least 10 days after injury in preseason loss

REDSKINS | It's touch and go whether Jason Taylor will play in the Washington Redskins' season opener against the New York Giants.

Taylor sprained his right knee in the second quarter of Saturday night's 47-3 loss. An MRI performed Sunday morning allayed Redskins' fears of a more serious injury.

"It looks like there's no ligament damage," coach Jim Zorn said. "He could be out for 10 days or as much as two weeks. We are just waiting to see what type of a healer he's going to be."

The timetable puts in doubt Taylor's availability for the Sept. 4



Jason Taylor could miss 10 to 14 days after injuring his knee in Saturday's loss.

Worth the risk?

→ Despite Jason Taylor's injury, coach Jim Zorn says he may play the Redskins' starters in the last preseason game | **Today, Sports**

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Redskins-Giants game, which is the NFL's Thursday night league opener. Taylor has a streak of 130 consecutive regular season starts — seventh among active players — but that was put in jeopardy when the six-time Pro Bowl defensive end had his leg bent awkwardly in a pile during DeAngelo Williams' 5-yard run.

Taylor was acquired from the Miami Dolphins on the first day of training camp after Phillip Daniels was lost to a season-ending knee

injury. The Redskins are relying on the former NFL defensive player of the year to improve a pass rush that has been inconsistent in recent seasons.

Longtime Redskins back-up Demetric Evans and recently acquired Erasmus James would be among the contenders to start if Taylor can't play. Zorn said Taylor won't suit up if there's a substantial risk of a re-injury.

"We'll be cautious," Zorn said. "If we have the choice of having him for one game or 15, we'll take the 15."

Taylor's injury was a low moment in the game, but, then again, the Redskins' sideline spent virtually the entire evening down in the dumps, watching a one-sided show that erased the good feeling from the 3-0 start to the preseason.

"I didn't sleep much on it," Zorn said. "I lay awake thinking on it."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Giants DE Will Miss Season

NFL | New York Giants defensive end Osi Umenyiora has ligament damage in his left knee and will miss the season.

Umenyiora was hurt in the second quarter of Saturday's preseason game against the New York Jets, but early indications were that there was no ligament damage.

However, an MRI Sunday found a torn lateral meniscus, Dr. Russell Warren told the team. The two-time Pro Bowl choice will have surgery Tuesday and be sidelined for the season.

The loss is a major one for the Super Bowl champions in the wake of the retirement of seven-time Pro Bowl defensive end Michael Strahan a few months ago.

This is not the first time Umenyiora has required surgery to repair cartilage damage in his left knee. He underwent arthroscopic surgery for the same problem at Troy State.

Umenyiora started all 16 games last season and had 52 tackles and a team-high 13 sacks. (AP)

beijing '08 | CROATIA'S SHOT AT BRONZE DENIED



JUMP START: Spanish goalkeeper Jose Javier Hombrados tries to stop a shot by a Croatian player during the bronze medal game on Sunday. Spain won 35-29, and France beat Iceland 28-23, denying Iceland its first gold medal.

Hawaii Outplays Mexico in LLWS

LITTLE LEAGUE | Hawaii won the Little League World Series, the fourth straight championship for the United States.

Tanner Tokunaga and Iolana Akau homered Sunday to lead the pint-sized players from Waipahu, Hawaii, in a 12-3 win over Matamoros, Mexico, for the title.

Caleb Duhay struck out seven in five-plus innings for the win. Jesus Saucedo homered for Mexico, and Eduardo Rodriguez had a two-run single.

A team from Hawaii last won a Little League title in 2005. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NFL (8 P.M. ON ESPN) Fantasy football stud LaDainian Tomlinson and the San Diego Chargers take on the Seattle Seahawks in preseason play.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN) It's going to be a long night at Camden Yards as the Baltimore Orioles and Chicago White Sox resume a suspended game in the 11th inning and then start a new one.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Manny Ramirez sports his new haircut in Philadelphia when the Dodgers take on the Phillies.

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Sports



FOR STARTERS: Matt Ryan will be the Atlanta Falcons' starting quarterback this season. First-year Falcons coach Mike Smith chose the No. 3 overall draft pick on Sunday.

Long Ball Dooms the Nats

Washington gives up 3 home runs in 6-1 loss to NL-leading Cubs

NATIONALS | Rich Harden matched a career-high with 11 strikeouts, Mark DeRosa homered for the fourth straight game and the streaking Chicago Cubs took their eighth straight series with a 6-1 win over the Washington Nationals on Sunday.

Chicago (80-50) moved 30 games over .500, while the Nationals managed just four hits and lost their fifth straight series.

DeRosa became the first Cubs player to homer in four straight games since Fred McGriff did it in September 2001, and outfielder Kosuke Fukudome showed signs of ending his hitting funk when he hit a pinch-hit homer in the eighth. He was hitless in his last four games, continuing his second-half swoon that saw his average dip to .262.

The Cubs took a 3-0 lead in the second against Jason Bergmann. DeRosa led off with his 18th homer,



Mark DeRosa homered for the fourth straight game, three against the Nats.

Jim Edmonds walked and Geovany Soto hit a 3-1 pitch to left for his 19th homer.

Nationals outfielder Austin Kearns provided the Nationals' only offense with a solo homer that fell just inside the foul pole in left in the third. Three of the game's first four hits were home runs, an oddity on

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a day when the wind was blowing in at 10 mph.

Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman was Harden's biggest victim Sunday, striking out all three times he faced the right-hander. (AP)



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FUNNY, BUNNY: The action comedy "Tropic Thunder" weathered a rush of new movies to remain at No. 1 for a second-straight weekend with \$16.1 million in ticket sales. "The House Bunny" debuted in second place with \$15.1 million.

Entertainment

The Hunt for Balance

A extraordinary host seeks to mix improv and daytime TV talk

DARING | Spend an hour with Bonnie Hunt these days and you'll come away convinced she has a daytime talk show inside her head.

The only question now is whether she and her producers can extract and polish that vision within the next three weeks, when "The Bonnie Hunt Show" comes to TV stations nationwide.

This is not shaping up to be — how can we put this? — another strenuously overproduced TV yakfest. Hunt, the 46-year-old Chicago-born comedian best known for ABC's short-lived sitcom "Life With Bonnie" as well as her work on the family-oriented "Beethoven" and "Cheaper by the Dozen" pictures, is an improv performer by background and inclination. She likes working without a net.

"Some of the producers say to me, 'We haven't had such a vague outline before,'" Hunt said. "And I say, 'It's OK. Let's see what happens.'"

Here's the rundown: Hunt will open with a monologue about current events, her life or even what's happening behind the scenes at the show (she doesn't do stand-up,



ELLEN DEGENERES, PART II: Like Ellen, Bonnie Hunt is an amusing blonde who you secretly fantasize about being friends with. And now, she's on daytime TV, too.

so don't look for jokes). There will be guests, of course. A five-piece house band will provide music. As time goes by, she'd like to throw in improv, sketches, that sort of thing. And tons of audience interaction.

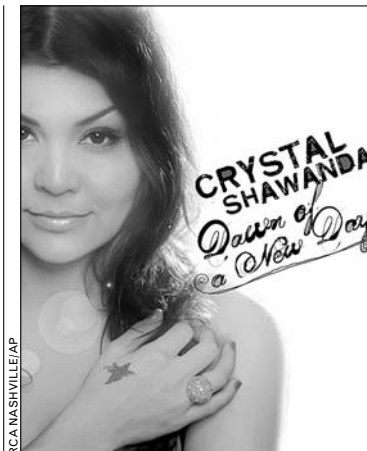
"I'll be out in the audience a lot," she said. "I love talking to people and finding out their opinion."

Sounds promisingly "Ellen"-ish. But can Hunt's notions turn into a show that stands out from the glib, glittering pack? She recognizes daunting odds.

There are so many viewing options flooding the average American home now that confrontational TV personalities seem best-suited to rise above the din (Hello, Wendy Williams, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Nancy Grace!). That would appear to put at a disadvantage a quieter, subtler entertainer such as Hunt.

But Telepictures Productions, which also makes "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and "The Tyra Banks Show," thinks it's on to something with Hunt. "She probably is the best talk-show guest on television," said Telepictures President Hilary Estey McLoughlin. "The key to all this is making the show an extension of the host's personality. And Bonnie has a strong point of view, a strong sense of who she is."

SCOTT COLLINS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



Crystal Shawanda is a songbird whose musical style can't be pigeonholed.

The Best Of Many Worlds

Country, pop, soul — Crystal Shawanda works them all in

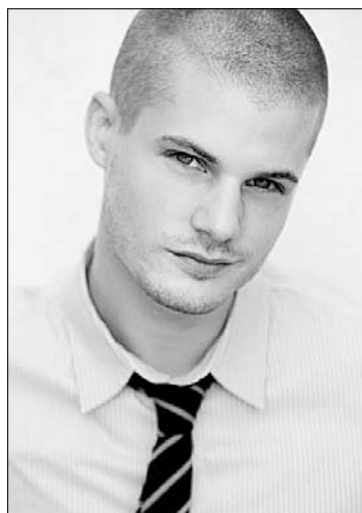
MUSIC | An American Indian raised on a reservation in Ontario, Canada, Crystal Shawanda owns an amped-up voice and a professed love for old-school country, shouting out to Patsy Cline in her lyrics and covering the Hank Williams classic "Your Cheatin' Heart."

But the rest of "Dawn of a New Day," the 27-year-old's debut album, rocks as aggressively as any contemporary country album of 2008. Her bluesy, in-your-face style crosses the vocal pyrotechnics of Carrie Underwood with the uncompromising soul power of Mary J. Blige.

Literally, Shawanda focuses on autobiographical tunes describing where she comes from ("Evolution"), where she's going (the title cut) and what a man should realize about her ("My Roots Are Showing"). She falters with generic Nashville sentimentality, as in "You Can Let Go." She's better when songs include a soul sway, as in "Tender Side."

Fortunately, most of "Dawn of a New Day" suggests Nashville has discovered another strong female vocalist capable of establishing her own point of view.

MICHAEL MCCALL (AP)



Before Jay Brannan had an album, he had several sex scenes in "Shortbus."

Put It All Back On

Jay Brannan goes from a fleshy flick to fully clothed singing

Q&A | Singer-songwriter Jay Brannan certainly knows how to make a lasting first impression: The 26-year-old got his start in the 2006 indie flick "Shortbus," which featured more naked flesh than most XXX flicks.

Brannan has put his clothes back on and bared his soul on

his first full-length record, "God-damned," which was released on July 15 through his own label, Great Depression Records.

Brannan spoke to Billboard fresh from this first tour.

Congrats on wrapping your first U.S. tour. Was it all you hoped it would be?

The tour was really fun. I did 10 cities, and my road manager took to calling it the luxury tour, because I was flying and taking trains. It was still hard work, though.

You got your start in the indie film "Shortbus." How many people who come to your shows now know you because of the movie?

It's a mix of both "Shortbus" fans and new fans. "Shortbus" helped me, because it played all over and was like going on a world tour.

Lots of artists are licensing their songs to film and TV. Would you?

It would have to be the right brand association, but absolutely, it's a goal of mine. CORTNEY HARDING (BILLBOARD)

Entertainment



A DELUGE OF DIDO: Dido's third album, "Safe Trip Home," will drop Nov. 4. The track "Look No Further" is available as a free download from Didomusic.com. The first official single, "Don't Believe in Love," will be issued on a date to be announced.

Following The Storm

Journalist Julia Reed reflects on the new life in New Orleans

First came the storm. Then came the flood. And then came what was, perhaps, a bit more predictable: the surge of books about Hurricane Katrina and its nightmarish aftermath.

Journalist Julia Reed wasn't planning to write a Katrina book.

In fact, her memoir, "The House on First Street: My New Orleans Story," isn't a Katrina book like Douglas Brinkley's "The Great Deluge" or others that are about the catastrophe itself, she says. "I wanted it to be about New Orleans."

This month marks Katrina's third anniversary, yet Reed's book is less about the lead-up and aftermath of the storm and its devastation and more about



FLORIDIAN READING: Reed looks at New Orleans' rebirth through her own experience.

life — the varied nature of it, the value of it, and ultimately, the uncertainty of it.

What was most at stake for her, beyond the human toll, was

the character of the city. In those early days, the persistent question was whether New Orleans would lose all those things that make it not just the "storied older sister"

but the peculiar uncle with his stash of stories. "I was on 'Charlie Rose' with [writer] Walter Isaacson, a local boy, just five or so days after Katrina hit. And he was saying, 'I fear for the neighborhoods.'"

That was the real worry, she says, the fear of losing that "lively collection of disparate personalities."

Yet, as it happened, the chefs led the way back, along with the musicians, and then the rest began to follow. "Most people saw that it wasn't going to be Disney World." This third anniversary might offer a new phase, she says.

"There were so many things that you can do on the ground, in remaking a city," she says, still undeterred. "[It's] a city with a chance to remake itself." **LYNNELL GEORGE** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Times for Monday, August 25, 2008

Television



NERDS RELIEVED: Sci Fi Channel won't let down "Stargate" fans. The network is set to announce the order of a new series from MGM Television, "Stargate: Universe," which will mark the third entry in Sci Fi's longest-running original series.

Deadliest Ice Road Loggers

'America's Toughest Jobs' dumps down real manual labor

CROCK | Television success breeds imitation, glut and overexposure. It's been that way since the medium was overrun with Westerns back in the "Death Valley Days" of the 1950s. But it's rare and sad to see creative producers desecrate their own successful brand.

Produced by the folks behind "Ice Road Truckers" and "Deadliest Catch," the extreme competition series "America's Toughest Jobs" (9 p.m., NBC) allows 13 men and women to try their uncalled-for hands at dangerous and demanding work. In other words, it's "Survivor" or "The Amazing Race" meets "Deadliest Catch." It's a very



HE'S AN OILMAN: Well, not really. He's just pretending for a reality TV show.

dumb idea.

Audiences love "Deadliest Catch" and its many imitators because they depart from the manufactured drama of reality TV. Those documentary-style programs feature real characters doing real jobs and who are faced with real consequences.

"America's Toughest Jobs" is just the opposite. It's a game. These folks are pretending to work at these jobs for the express purpose of getting on television.

And, as if to prove that reality TV archetypes infect everything they touch, a contestant named Amy decides to act like a weak and spoiled princess in the middle of the frozen waters of the Bering Sea.

You'll be rooting for the real fishermen to throw her overboard for chum. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

THE PARTY PARTIES

Coverage of the **DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION** (6 p.m., CNN; 7 p.m., MSNBC; 8 p.m., PBS; 9:45 p.m., Fox News; 10 p.m., ABC, CBS, NBC) begins.

AIRBORNE LUXURY

SECRET ACCESS: AIR FORCE ONE (8 p.m., History) offers a tour of the president's flying White House, a modified Boeing 747 that, at 230 feet long, is actually longer than the White House itself.

'LOVE BOAT,' PLEASE!

Ancient TV theme songs must be mastered on **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL: GET IN THE PICTURE** (8 p.m., ABC).

IN THE LIBRARY WITH THE ...

The squad unites to find who shot Sanchez's brother on **THE CLOSER** (9 p.m., TNT).

PROMINENT FIGURES

THE BLACK LIST: VOL. 1 (9 p.m., HBO) offers profiles of prominent blacks.

SILLY STUNTSTERS!

An anti-immigration stunt gone wrong



'BELOVED' AUTHOR: Toni Morrison is profiled on "The Black List: Vol. 1."

is featured on **SAVING GRACE** (10 p.m., TNT).

TWO BY TWO

INTO THE UNKNOWN WITH JOSH BERNSTEIN (10 p.m., Discovery) looks at the story of Noah's ark. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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MEN IN BLACK: These guys aren't saving the world a la the Will Smith movie, but they are making it sound better, a la reggae.

The Rat in the Kitchen

Reggae super-band UB40 battles internal strife but soldiers on

NEW CHAPTER | Until January, UB40 had maintained all eight original members for its 30-year career.

But then singer Ali Campbell left the British reggae superstars

to start a solo career, and in late spring keyboardist Mickey Virtue also bolted the band — to join Campbell's project.

Meanwhile, the remaining six members of UB40 recruited Campbell's older brother Duncan to take over Ali's vocals and Tony Mullins to play keys.

UB40 founding bassist Earl Fal-

coner said the singer left because of management issues and Campbell's burgeoning solo career: "He wasn't really happy with our management, and he thought, basically, he was being ripped off."

Virtue left in March, citing similar reasons to Campbell's, which prompted the band to launch a full-on investigation into its finances.

FOR MORE of our conversation UB40's Earl Falconer, visit expressnightout.com

"We came out with a clean bill of health," Falconer said.

UB40 is touring in promotion of the band's latest album, "TwentyFourSeven," which features Ali Campbell singing, as well as veteran reggae singer-songwriter Maxi Priest on two tracks. Priest also sits in for a few songs during the group's live set, but it's Duncan Campbell who handles most of UB40's back catalog.

Falconer said getting Duncan to join the band and fit wasn't hard. "They've been a musical family — they grew up singing together, so it was the perfect choice."

UB40's two-hour concert is mostly a greatest hits set, with six or so tracks from the new record. "Even Ali was very happy with the musical side of things," Falconer said. "This LP is probably one of the best things we've produced for years, and he obviously agreed with that — that wasn't really the problem." **RUDI GREENBERG**

→ *Wolf Trap, Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; Mon., 8 p.m.; \$22-\$40; 877-965-3872; wolftrap.org.*

thescene



Liz Phair, a music icon for disaffected girls in the 1990s, retraces her steps.

TUESDAY

Mindi Abair: Contemporary, easy-on-the-ears jazz. Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$29.50; 703-549-7500.

Betsy Hartmann: Author signs and read from her latest novel. *Busboys and Poets*, 2021 14th St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-387-7638. (U St.-Cardozo)

Silent Years: Indie rock band performs. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$8; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

WEDNESDAY

Adele: A British soul singer who is not Amy Winehouse or Duffy but is still worth listening to. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7 p.m., \$20; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

Journey: Have you stopped believing? You'd better not have. Nissan Pavilion at Stone Ridge, 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow; 7 p.m., \$25-\$125; 202-397-7328.

Trumbo: Red, White and Blacklisted: Story of screenwriter Dalton Trumbo. Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Pkwy., Columbia; 7:30 p.m., \$15-\$30; 410-772-4900.

THURSDAY

Kinky Friedman: Country-rock funnyman/singer-songwriter performs. Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$29.50; 703-549-7500.

Liz Phair: Iconic '90s singer performs her classic "Exile in Guyville." 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7 p.m., \$25; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

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topstops



2 Did You Know He Acts, Too?

Poor Terrence Howard. All he wants is to be a singer, and the big bad world has conspired against him, forced him down and made him become an Oscar-winning actor. But now he has released his own album. And let's just say he's as good as anyone on "American Idol." **F.Z.**

→ *Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$25; 703-549-7500.*

You Can't Write This Stuff

Brooklyn-based chamber-pop trio Rasputina may look like something out of a 19th-century brothel, but its latest album is actually chock-full of familiar tales. Lead singer Melora Creager based the songs on the record, "Oh Perilous World," on current events. There's some bin Laden in there, not to mention a child soldier ballad and a bit of Fallujah. Oh, perilous world indeed. They're at Black Cat tonight, with Haale opening. **K.E.**

→ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$15; 202-667-4490. (U St.-Cardozo)*



RYAN OBERMEYER



Beer! Beer! Beer!

Pizzeria Paradiso has some of the best beer in the city. I know, because last time I went I had this amazing ginger-lime something and then there was a black one, too, and then a big glass with a fish on it, but I think the fish was singing a song, and then ... shut up.

3 It was delicious. Anyway, if it's been a hard Monday and you feel like treating yourself, the pizzeria is holding a four-course dinner, with each course accompanied by appropriate IPAs. It's a lot better than sitting on your couch eating crackers and watching "The Hills," don't you think? **F.Z.**

→ *Pizzeria Paradiso, 3282 M St. NW; 6:30 and 9 p.m., \$60; 202-337-1245.*

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Weather

The 2009 Farmers' Almanac predicts a chilly, snowy winter

Households worried about the high cost of keeping warm this winter will draw little comfort from the Farmers' Almanac, which predicts below-average temperatures for most of the United States.

"Numb's the word," says the 192-year-old publication, which claims an accuracy rate of 80 to 85 percent for its forecasts that are prepared two years in advance.

The almanac's 2009 edition, which goes on sale Tuesday, says at least two-thirds of the country can expect colder-than-average temperatures, with only the Far West and Southeast in line for near-normal readings.

"This is going to be catastrophic for millions of people," said almanac editor Peter Geiger, noting that the frigid forecast combined with high prices for heating fuel is sure to compound problems households will face in keeping warm.

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PETER GEIGER,
FARMERS' ALMANAC EDITOR

The almanac predicts above-normal snowfall for the Great Lakes and Midwest, especially during January and February, and above-normal precipitation for the Southwest in December and for the Southeast in January and February. The Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions should be getting an unusually wet or snowy February, the almanac said.

In contrast, the usually wet Pacific Northwest could be a bit drier than normal in February.

Looking ahead to summer, the almanac foresees near-normal temperatures in most places.

But much of the Southwest can look forward to unusually hot weather in June and July, while Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas will be hit with oppressive July heat and humidity.

The forecasts, which are spelled out in three- and four-day periods for each region, are prepared by the almanac's reclusive prognosticator Caleb Weatherbee, who uses a secret formula based on sunspots, the position of the planets and the tidal action of the moon.

Weatherbee's outlook is borne out by e-mail comments that the almanac has received in recent days from readers who have spotted signs of nature that point to a rough winter, Geiger said. The signs range from an abundance of acorns already on the ground to the frequency of fog in August.

The almanac's winter forecast is at odds with that of the National Weather Service, whose trends-based outlook calls for warmer-than-normal temperatures in much of the country, including Alaska, said Ed O'Lenic, chief of the operations branch at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

The almanac and the weather service are in sync, however, in pointing to a chance of a drier winter in the Northwest.

While he wouldn't comment specifically on the almanac's ability to forecast the weather two years from now, O'Lenic said it's generally impossible to come up with accurate forecasts more than a

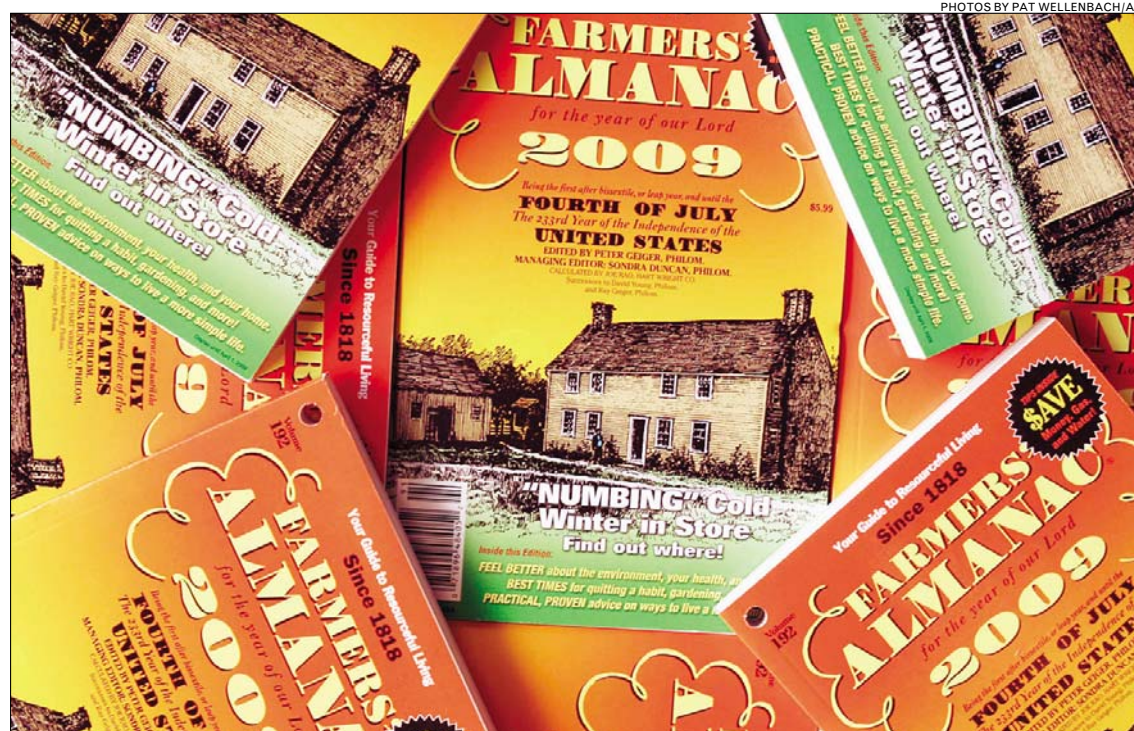
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ADVANCE NOTICE: The 2009 Farmers' Almanac says most of the country can expect below-average winter temperatures.

Frigid Forecast



Peter Geiger, editor of the Farmers' Almanac, says the guide was on target in 2008.

week in advance.

"Of course, it's possible to prepare a forecast with any lead time you like. Whether or not that fore-

cast has any accuracy or usable skill is another question," he said.

Geiger sticks to his guns, however, noting that the almanac was

on target in the 2008 edition when it called for the Northeast and the Great Lakes to be hit with a long, cold winter with lots of snow.

He also says readers often check out Weatherbee's forecasts before planning weddings and other special events, and they seem to be pleased with the results.

In a nod to couples whose weddings were dogged by disastrous weather, the 2008 almanac invited readers to share their stories in a Worst Wedding Weather Contest. Joe and Marianne Trovato of Bensalem, Pa., won a weeklong cruise with their account of how their Feb. 12, 1983, wedding had to be postponed when Philadelphia was hit with its worst snowstorm in decades. The couple managed to pull everything together to allow the wedding to take place the following week.

The almanac, not to be confused with the New Hampshire-based Old Farmer's Almanac, which is 26 years older, claims a circulation of about 3½ million.

Most are sold to banks, insurance companies and other businesses that give them away as a goodwill promotion. Other versions are sold by retailers in the United States and Canada. JERRY HARKAVY (AP)

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MUSIC

Dark Chambers

The long-running cello-rock band Rasputina dons Victorian-era costumes and weaves sonic tales with heavy lyrics that draw on modern and ancient history. Roxana Hadadi spoke to band-leader Melora Creager, whose group plays at the 9:30 Club on Monday. | COMING UP



ENTERTAINMENT

Sweet & Mournful

"A Buzz a Buzz," Bombadil's buzzy debut, features whimsical indie-pop in the Sufjan Stevens mode but garnished with Dixieland marches, Bacharachian melodies and Cat Stevens folk. Bombadil plays the Red and the Black on Monday, and Stephen M. Deusner spoke with Bryan Rahija. | COMING UP

MUSIC

They're (Still?) Alive!

When the Regeneration Tour hits Wolf Trap on Tuesday, people of a certain age will know the bands on the bill: ABC, Flock of Seagulls, Belinda Carlisle, Naked Eyes and the Human League. For others, Stephen M. Deusner has a new-wave primer for your edutainment. | COMING UP



comment board

“It’s terrible that society has come to this, but if cash is what keeps kids in school in this area, then so be it.”

COMMENTER CAC, WHO ADDED, “D.C.-AREA KIDS NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET. IT’S OBVIOUS THEY DON’T GET ANY HELP AT HOME.”

“Yes, only if the money is clearly and fairly tied to performance, and if children [and parents] are encouraged to use the money responsibly.”

COMMENTER CARRIE, WHO ADDED, “THE LAST THING WE NEED IS KIDS PULLING OUT IPODS IN CLASSROOMS.”



“School is the most important job that kids have today. Why shouldn’t we pay them for working hard, when we will all benefit from it in the future?”

COMMENTER JANNEYS2005, RESPONDING TO FRIDAY’S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “IS IT A GOOD IDEA FOR A CITY TO PAY ITS STUDENTS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE IN SCHOOL?”

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Blog LOG

“I love that they survived doing what they do — the simplicity of half-smokes and chili — and doing it well for 50 years.”

WASHWORDS.COM WAS MOVED TO TEARS WHILE ATTENDING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF BEN’S CHILI BOWL, ADDING, “THE SCENE THERE WAS JUST SO NICE. REALLY, TRULY NICE.”



JUNG YEON-JE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

“It’s analogous to an employee’s punching his/her boss because he/she doesn’t get a raise — completely inappropriate and unprofessional.”

A COMMENTER AT OLYMPICS.BLOGS.NYTIMES.COM WAS STUNNED BY CUBAN TAEKWONDO FIGHTER ANGEL VALODIA MATOS, WHO KICKED A REFEREE IN THE FACE AFTER A DISPUTED DISQUALIFICATION.



Discussions

The TV Column

Post TV columnist **LISA DE MORAES** was online Friday and talked about NBC and the Olympics, the de-appeal of “Big Brother” and Laurence Fishburne’s replacing William Peterson on “CSI.”

So, I guess NBC’s strategy will be “lose big in regular TV seasons, win big during the Olympics”?

Ah, but NBC isn’t programming to win in the ratings anymore. They’re programming for margins, we’re told. Which means, if you’re in fourth place among your target audience but you spend only 25 bucks on the program, you win!

watched an episode of “Big Brother” because that’s what she usually watched. I was appalled at what passed for “real” human interaction on this train wreck of a show: some old dude yelling at people for every little slight on his manhood, real or perceived and a requisite shrill woman (both black and white varieties, though, for diversity’s sake). Where in the world can this genre go if this is one of its highest-rated examples?

Interestingly, “Big Brother” is the show that seems to be holding up best against the Olympics these days. Which makes sense — the only people I know who are still obsessed with this show are 30-something male TV critics who appear not to have run a lap or tossed a ball or swung a racket/bat, etc., in at least a decade.

On a recent trip to visit my mom, I

Not sad to see William Peterson,

“BIDEN IS A five-term senator from Delaware who has never served in the military and has been on the government payroll for most of his working life. What’s so different about that?”

IVORYTOWERZ.COM DOESN’T CONSIDER JOE BIDEN A GOOD VP PICK FOR OBAMA, ADDING, “BIDEN VOTED TO SUPPORT THE IRAQ WAR AND THEN CHANGED HIS MIND.”

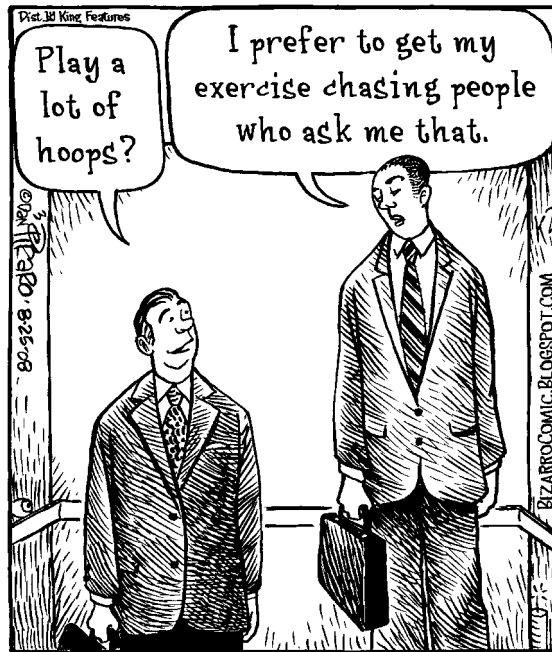
“As food and transportation costs rise, many manufacturers are shrinking package sizes rather than raising prices. The thinking is consumers are less likely to be turned off by a ... size difference than they are by a higher price.”

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aka Flakey F. McFlake, move on, but which Laurence Fishburne will we get on “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation”: the excitable, almost hyperactive man from his early work or the retro-zen master from “The Matrix,” who delivered his lines as though he were doing a public reading of the ingredients of shampoo? If it’s the latter, maybe David Caruso could commute between Miami and Vegas. I love “Flakey McFlake,” and it is the perfect description of Peterson. I am guessing that we’re going to get the retro-zen master Fishburne who delivers his lines as if he were doing a public reading of shampoo ingredients.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post political reporter Dan Balz discusses the latest in politics directly from the site of the Democratic National Convention in Denver at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | Mike Baldwin



Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It may be time to cut off someone who doesn't know when to quit. It will be up to you to keep a friend or loved one safe from himself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It's time to display a little courage; see that you don't fade into the background—at least until you've made your point.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Patience and understanding are essential ingredients of a profitable day, particularly when you're working on a project with your peers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Self-confidence and self-reliance must not be confused with arrogance; don't let one turn into the other.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be able to score an impressive shutout—and put an end to any rumors suggesting that you are not suited for a current endeavor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll be required to meet mounting pressures

head-on—at home or at the workplace. Many people will be doubly grateful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't take no for an answer. Stand firm and remain true to yourself—without becoming cocky or aggressive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Now is not the time to play roles for which you are unsuited; trying to be something you're not can only lead to disaster—now or later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not become defensive among those who know you best. Remain open to friendly, honest criticism, and all will be well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take some time to relax, enjoy yourself and do those things that are special only to you. You needn't explain yourself to anyone now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can weave quite a tapestry of experience, even in the short span of a day—if you know where to go, where to look and who to follow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Guard against becoming too self-concerned, and you will surely be able to fulfill another's needs when the time comes.

Letters

Wary of Radiated Lettuce

WHILE EXPRESS' HEADLINE "FDA: Radiated Lettuce OK" (Aug. 22) attempts to assure us that harmful pathogens can now be removed from leafy produce, we are overlooking the potential of radiation's destructive effects on the hundreds of chemicals inherent in fresh produce. Many of these have yet to be identified, and it's difficult to determine their harm from cooking, storage, pesticides and, now, radiation. Let's quit beat-

ing our fresh produce to hell, and instead use proper cleaning and precaution.

—EDWARD ABRAMIC
Washington, D.C.

Maestro Not Moral Authority

VALERY GERGIEV IS entitled to his opinion of Russia's case for war against Georgia, but "moral heft" is not his to lend ("Maestro Lends Support to Russia," Aug. 22). Being a famous conductor does not endow one with the moral authority of the Dalai Lama or the pope.

—WALTER IWASKIW
Arlington, Va.

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Today in History

1875 Capt. Matthew Webb becomes the first person to swim the English Channel, going from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in almost 22 hours.

1944 Allied forces liberate Paris during World War II after four years of Nazi occupation.

1981 The U.S. spacecraft Voyager 2 comes within 63,000 miles of Saturn's cloud cover, sending back pictures of and data about the ringed planet.

2007 The government of Greece declares a nationwide state of emergency as the death toll from wildfires rises to at least 49.

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People



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SPLITS

Quiet Contempt
Mistaken for Love

CHRIS KATTAN filed for legal separation from his model wife, Sunshine Tutt, after only eight weeks of marriage. They spent roughly a month together; Kattan's filings indicate they separated on Aug. 10. The pair have no children together. (AP)

INFLUENCES

He'll Corrupt the 5 Israeli
Youths Who Know Who He Is



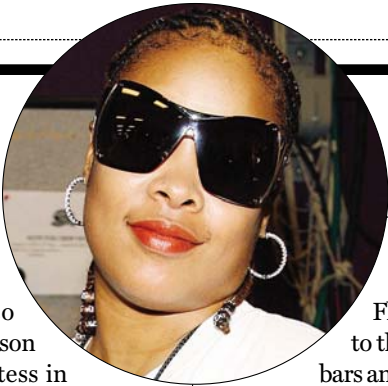
Sir **PAUL MCCARTNEY** is set to perform in Israel, 40 years after the Beatles were banned from playing in the Holy Land. The rock star was scheduled to play earlier in the year, but the show was canceled. (AP)



FREEDOM

Back on Track

Malaysian authorities have reversed their decision to cancel a concert by **AVRIL LAVIGNE**, saying that she can perform next week despite complaints that her act is "too sexy." The government had said the show was unsuitable for Malaysian culture and could not be held on Aug. 29, two days ahead of Independence Day, because it might disrupt patriotic celebrations. (AP)



FIGHTS

Rapper Earns
Eternal
Respect
Of Pirates

DA BRAT was sentenced Friday to three years in prison for hitting a hostess in the head with a rum bottle during an altercation at an Atlanta nightclub last fall. The rapper, whose given name is Shawntae Harris, pleaded guilty to aggravated

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assault. Superior Court Judge Gail Flake sentenced her to three years behind bars and seven on probation, plus 200 hours of community service and completion of substance abuse treatment, a mental evaluation and anger management classes. (AP)

MEDIA COVERAGE

Publishers Clearing House
Irony Still a Crowd-Pleaser

ED MCMAHON has agreed to a deal with a private buyer for his hilltop home, said Howard Bragman, the former "Tonight Show" sidekick's spokesman. Bragman declined to name the buyer or the selling price.



But he said it isn't real estate mogul Donald Trump, who recently offered to buy McMahon's home and act as a landlord. McMahon has faced money woes for months. (AP)

FORGOTTEN

Gavin Rossdale Does Not
Warrant Mention in Item

It's love, angel, music and baby No. 2 for **GWEN STEFANI**, who on Thursday gave birth to a boy. Zuma Nesta Rock weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces when he was born, according to Stefani's publicist. "Mother, baby and family are all happy and healthy," he said. (AP)

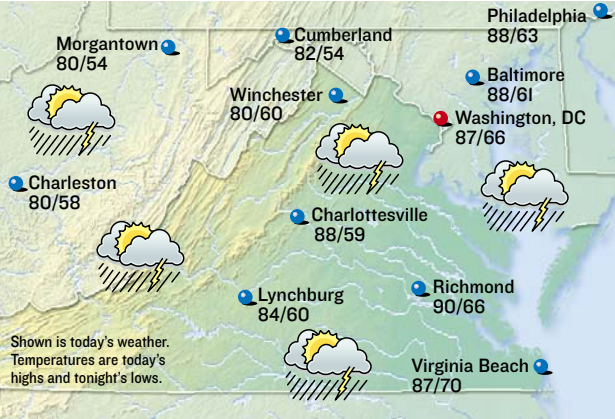


Gwen Stefani, right. A hat, far right.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Partly sunny, a thunderstorm	An evening thunderstorm	Partly sunny and cooler	Partly sunny, a thunderstorm	Mostly cloudy, a t-storm possible	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible
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Regional Weather



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Temperature

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Last year to date 20.25"

Normal year to date 25.57"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, a thunderstorm. High 87. Wind west 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, a thunderstorm. Low 66. Wind north 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:31 a.m.

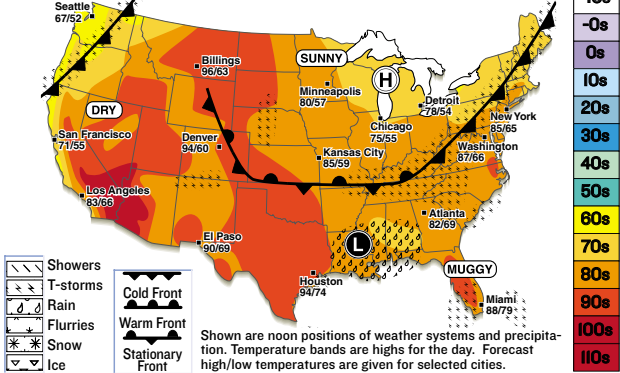
Sunset tonight 7:49 p.m.

Moonrise today 12:20 a.m.

Moonset today 4:17 p.m.



National Weather for Monday, August 25



National Cities

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	Hi/Low/W 82/69/t	77/69/t
Boston	83/60/t	73/58/s
Chicago	75/55/s	81/59/s
Dallas	95/74/pc	97/75/pc
Denver	94/60/pc	92/53/pc
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/74/s
Los Angeles	83/66/pc	81/64/pc
Miami	88/79/t	91/79/t
New York City	85/65/t	79/65/s
Orlando	92/74/t	93/76/t
Seattle	67/52/pc	69/54/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Tues.
Amsterdam	Hi/Low/W 68/59/pc	69/57/pc
Athens	93/76/s	90/76/s
Berlin	66/53/c	72/57/c
Buenos Aires	72/54/s	68/59/pc
Calgary	67/48/c	60/44/sh
Dublin	66/54/sh	64/54/pc
Geneva	72/54/pc	77/55/pc
Moscow	76/58/r	64/49/sh
Rome	81/62/s	82/64/pc
Sydney	62/45/s	66/48/pc
Tokyo	79/72/r	82/72/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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6 Popular game fish
10 Native peacemaker
14 "Carmen" or "Aida"
15 Condo, e.g.
16 Delicate deer
17 Some class
20 Type of condor
21 ____ the Man
22 Heat under the collar
23 Lippy
25 Perfume bottle
27 Kind of gas, briefly
30 Tom, Dick and Harry
31 Use a sense
32 Pac-10 member
34 Pacific island staple
36 Fireside implements
40 Bo Peep's problem
43 Vodka mixer
44 Robin Cook book
45 The very best
46 Create a permanent impression
48 Type width units
50 Novel
51 Worldly
54 Pass, as a bill
56 Pindar product
57 Travel document
59 Possible
63 Went bonkers
66 Dame Kiri's forte

67 Saskatchewan

Indian tribe

68 Congeals

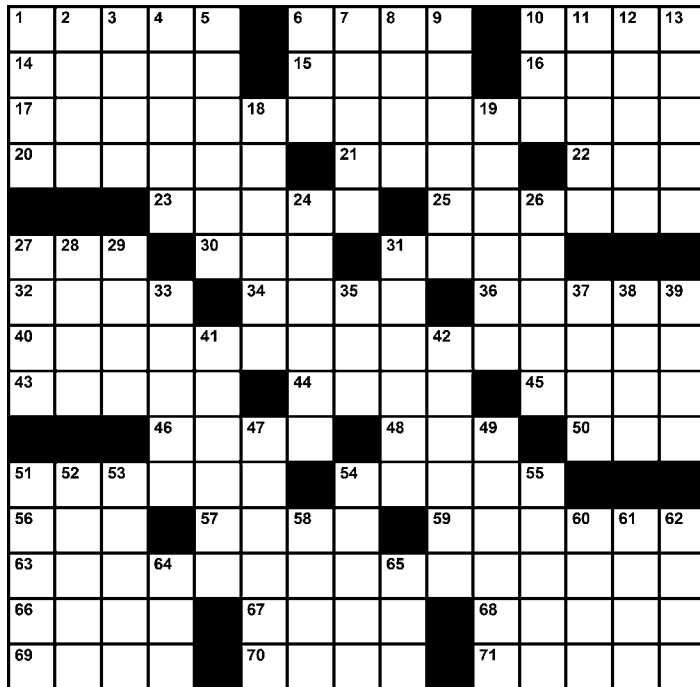
69 Posted, as a letter

70 Put a stop to

71 Place for an anchor rope

DOWN

- 1 Lady of song who gets whatever she wants
2 Well-briefed about
3 Ignore Polonius' advice
4 Prods
5 Arabic word meaning "peace"
6 Tend tables
7 Uptight
8 Look for evidence
9 Attack, as a fighter plane
10 Start to date?
11 Architectural order
12 San ____ Sula, Honduras
13 Home of the Krupp family
18 Beginnings
19 Chesapeake Bay features
24 Clean and jerk alternative
26 Maui greeting
27 Iron oxide
28 Radar return
29 "Glengarry ____ Ross"

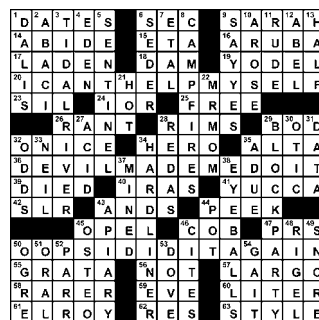


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- 31 Armed adversaries
33 Unfamiliar
35 Greek P
37 Some make light of it
38 Unit of inheritance
39 Emulate Etna
41 6x9-inch book size
42 Open shelter
47 Boxing maneuver
49 Pressing problem?
51 Coke and Pepsi
52 Be smitten with

- 53 Plastics ingredient
54 Flip-chart support
55 Indian drum
58 Doris Day song word
60 Bungle
61 "Why don't we?"
62 To be, to Brutus
64 Knot and loop
65 Famous opera house

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7	3	2	9	1	5	8	4	6
1	6	5	2	8	4	9	7	3
4	8	9	7	3	6	1	2	5
5	4	6	1	2	9	7	3	8
2	1	8	4	7	3	5	6	9
3	9	7	6	5	8	4	1	2
8	5	4	3	6	1	2	9	7
6	2	1	8	9	7	3	5	4
9	7	3	5	4	2	6	8	1

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